

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 8 with:

In Figure 2, part of the upper surface of composite material layer 10 is shown. A strand of hydrophilic material 15 is interspaced with strands of ~~hydrophilic~~ hydrophobic material 16 so that the area (overall) of the upper surface is ~~constituted of~~ about 25% hydrophilic material. Each downward directed part of the strand 15 shown in the Figure represents a narrow passage or duct to transport moisture into the hydrophilic material that predominantly constitutes the lower surface of the composite layer.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1 with:

In Figure 4, the diaper is generally conventional but is provided with a layer ~~16~~ 17 of the composite material. The layer 17 may be permanently attached to a re-usable diaper or insertable into a suitable pocket for example, 5 for a disposable diaper. The layer 17 itself is reusable.